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SUBJECT: EASTERN DRC NOTES - DECEMBER 11

¶1. (U) The items contained in this report consist principally of spot information from various sources. This report is not exhaustive, nor can all the information contained therein be confirmed at this time.

#### Security Situation

¶2. (SBU) The DART team reported that MONUC confirmed ongoing, relative stability in North Kivu on December 10. However, MONUC also noted force buildup of both FARDC and CNDP soldiers in areas considered to be front lines near Rutshuru and Masisi. MONUC also reported a general buildup of PARECO and FDLR forces. Humanitarian agencies in the Goma area reported that the CNDP has increased recruitment of young boys and girls in Rutshuru and Masisi.

#### Humanitarian Issues

¶3. (SBU) In a meeting between SRSG Alan Doss and humanitarian organizations in Goma on December 6, Doss admitted that MONUC is limited in its actions with respect to security issues, which the FARDC has created. However, efforts are underway with the GDRC and FARDC to address the issue, and MONUC has requested the removal of several commanders.

¶4. (SBU) At a December 8 Humanitarian Coordination meeting in Goma, humanitarian agencies highlighted that the CNDP is requesting that any distributions in Rutshuru and Kiwanja must be general. The CNDP reportedly does not want targeted distributions in its territory, arguing that the entire population should be considered beneficiaries. The humanitarian community, however, decided that it would not change its practice of targeted distribution. OCHA decided to engage with CNDP leaders on this issue in the near future.

¶5. (SBU) Humanitarian agencies also noted that the number of spontaneous IDP camps in Goma has increased drastically from seven in early November to 29 as of December 9, with some IDPs living in very poor sanitary conditions, amidst some cases of suspected cholera. OCHA estimates that approximately 2,500 IDP families remain in Goma.

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